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SCHOOL OF NURSING GRADUATION - 1954

"AS YOU GO FORTH . . ."

Addressing the 56th graduating class of the School of Nursing, Dr. Herbert Gezork, president of Andover Newton Theological School, had three wishes for the sixty graduates.

Congratulating them for choosing a profession that is concerned with the individual, Dr. Gezork wished them "sensitivity." He told them that the world they are going out to is a hard and ruthless one. It is in need of people who are sensitive, — sensitive to every injustice and discrimination. Comparing the world to a human body, he explained that if one part of the body hurts, the whole body will then hurt. Similarly, every injustice against a single human or group hurts the whole society.

His second wish was for "integrity." He said that what America needs most is not atom bombs or hydrogen bombs or a higher standard of living. The need is for men and women of character who are willing to pay the price for loyalty and conviction. In nursing, according to Dr. Gezork, inner discipline is especially important because life and death depend on this absolute integrity. He cautioned the graduates to remember the famous lines from Shakespeare's Hamlet, "This above all, to thine own self be true."

His final wish was for "serenity." There are two possibilities before young people today when the times are uncertain and no one knows the future. There is the attitude of "what's the use," which will only lead to irresponsible living. There is, on the other hand, the feeling of "I don't know what tomorrow will bring, but today is here and there is work to be done; there is kindness to be shared."

Concluding his remarks, Dr. Gezork reminded the girls that those who have these inner resources and faith in God can stand all tragedies.

Mr. Francis W. Capper, chairman of the Executive Committee, presided at the graduation exercises held in John Hancock Hall. Dr. Warren F. Cook pronounced the invocation, Dr. Elliott P. Joslin delivered the Charge to the Class and presented Miss Newton and each of the graduates with a copy of *Great Companions*.

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PARLEZ-VOUS FRANCAIS?

. . . or German? Italian? Spanish? Several Russian and Polish speaking employees recently came to our rescue by acting as interpretors for patients who had come here from other countries. In an international hospital such as the Deaconess, situations like this often occur

The Public Relations office is compiling a list of those employees who speak foreign languages and who would be willing to help out when needed. Please send us your name, department, and the language or languages you speak.

HONORARY DEGREE

Dr. Richard B. Cattell was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Science at the Boston University Commencement exercises for his "notable service to humanity as surgeon, scientist and citizen." His citation read, in part, "Your devotion to the best standards in medical practice has endeared you to your colleagues and made possible a noteworthy contribution to the health and welfare of this region and this nation."

CEREBRAL PALSY AWARD

Dr. Samuel P. Hicks has received a renewal of his grant from United Cerebral Palsy. The grant, totalling $7,744, is being used for a study of the mechanisms of malformation.

SUPPER PARTY

A supper party for more than sixty volunteers was held last month at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Shields Warren in West Newton. The gathering provided an excellent opportunity for the volunteers who work in the various hospital services to get acquainted with one another.

Everyone enjoyed listening to Dr. Warren's special guest, Dr. Masao Tsuzuki of the University of Tokyo Medical School and one of the foremost Japanese authorities on radiation. In a very humorous vein, Dr. Tsuzuki spoke of the many changes that had taken place in Europe and the United States over the last fifteen years.

A special vote of thanks goes to Mrs. Warren who provided such delicious food; to Dr. Warren who entertained the group by showing pictures of his trip to Hawaii; and to the driver of the chartered bus who gave a helping hand and washed dishes in Mrs. Warren's kitchen.

Mr. Emmett W. Robb of the nursing staff represented Alpha Credit Union at the Annual Convention of the Massachusetts League. The convention was held at the New Ocean House, Swampscott, on June 19th. Mr. Robb is a director of Alpha Credit Union and a member of its Credit Committee.

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NEW APPOINTMENT

Miss Vera Katherine Russell has recently been appointed Director of Social and Recreational Activities in the School of Nursing. A graduate of Berea College, Kentucky, Miss Russell received her master's degree at the University of Michigan. Before assuming her duties here, she worked for the American Red Cross as a Recreational Director in Hospital Service.

NO NONSENSE WITH SUN SENSE

Perhaps you are one of those who intended to get a tan last weekend but came home with a lobster-red sunburn which won't win you a prize for fashion or for health. The smart sun worshipper has the "know-how" to go after a safe and sound coat of tan. With vacation time just around the corner, here are some pointers you should remember.

The rays responsible for sunburn are known as ultraviolet rays. They do most of their damage between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 3:00 P. M. Don't let an overcast sky deceive you for some of the most severe burns occur on a hazy, cloudy day

The secret of acquiring a healthy tan is to adjust your sun bathing to the burning power of the sun and to the sensitivity of your skin. Also, use a sun preparation as a safety measure. Individuals with fair skin should be aware of the fact that they are more sensitive to "Old Sol" than brunettes. For most adults fifteen minutes is sufficient for the first day. With the use of an effective suntan lotion, this time may be safely doubled. From then on, you may increase the time fifteen minutes each day, but whatever you do, don't fall asleep!

Sunburn has a wide range of severity. Redness is the first noticeable and the mildest sympton. If the burn is extensive or if it blisters, be sure to call a doctor as it may be very serious. In a less severe case the burn can be alleviated by applying a paste made of baking soda and water to the affected areas.

One last thought . . . Please don't be like the hostess who asked her guest at the beach, "When shall I wake you — rare, medium or well done?"

Anne La Pointe, '54

From 1932 to 1953 the Friends of the Deaconess contributed over $80,000 to the hospital.

SUMMER DOUBLE-HEADER

Rather than follow the usual procedure of omitting publication of the Pulse during the summer months, we have decided to give you two "double-headers," — one issue for May and June, and one for July and August. In this way, we will be able to keep you up-to-date on the latest happenings at NEDH even though many employees will be away on vacation.

FROM THE MAILBAG

The following letter was received recently at NEDH:

"To the New England Deaconess Hospital:

My three year old son recently spent ten days in your hospital having a surgical operation. During that time I visited him each day and I want you to know how impressed I was with the fine care he received and the efficient friendly people I met everywhere. Nurses, doctors, aids, office personnel, Ralph, the doorman, all were most kind to little Randy and me and made his stay a very pleasant experience. Thank you sincerely for so much.

Mrs. Robert Marino"

Miss Carolyn K. Winters, R.N., former assistant director of the New England Deaconess Hospital, has been appointed executive director of the New England Hospital.

PREVIEW

Forty-one prospective School of Nursing students will be introduced to the life of a student nurse at the Deaconess when they attend the "Preview of Nursing" during the week of July 18th.

The Personnel Department interviewed more than 3,500 people in 1953.

At present we have 163 people who have served the hospital between 5 and 41 years, making their total years of service greater than the years of the Christian Era.

Miss Arlene B. Chatterton, '46, recently left for Ft. Yukon, Alaska, where she will serve as a medical missionary of the National Council of the Episcopal church.

Dr. Carroll Miller has resigned from the Tumor Clinic staff after many years of service. He has moved his office and his home to Swampscott.

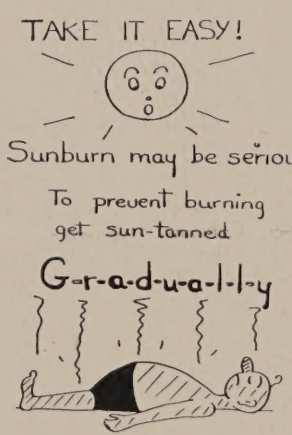
BLESSED EVENTS

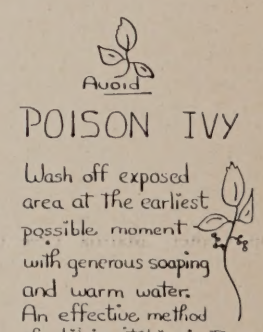
To Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Percival (nee Patricia Allen, '53) their first child, a daughter, Annette, on June 7th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Caswell (nee Anna Griffith, '53) their first child, a daughter, on May 25th.

To Dr. and Mrs. William Downing (nee Evelyn Kirshbaum of the nursing staff) their second child, a daughter, Lee.

A WORD TO THE WISE

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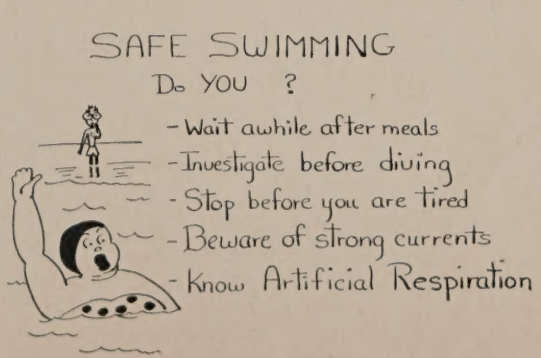
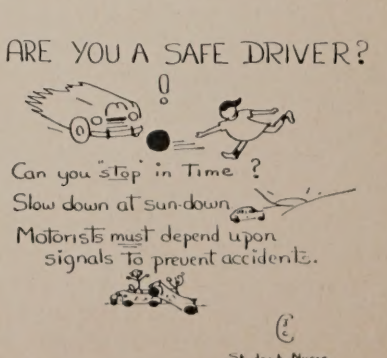
POISON IVY
Wash off exposed area at the earliest possible moment with generous soaping and warm water. An effective method of relieving itching is To apply a towel wrung out of hot water.


SAFE SWIMMING
Do YOU ?
- Wait awhile after meals
- Investigate before diving
- Stop before you are tired
- Beware of strong currents
- Know Artificial Respiration


ARE YOU A SAFE DRIVER?
Can you "stop" in Time ?
Slow down at sun-down
Motorists must depend upon signals to prevent accidents.
Student Nurse

HOSPITAL PLAYS HOST TO 1929 GRADUATES

Thirty-eight members of the class of 1929 were feted at the Deaconess on the occasion of their twenty-fifth reunion. They came here from all the New England States, from New York, and even from Alabama, to see old friends, to reminisce, and to view the many changes that have taken place over the last twenty-five years.

The group met at Joslin Auditorium and were welcomed by Mr. Lowry, Miss Newton and Dr. Joslin. Each member of the class was presented with a corsage and a gift from the hospital. Pictures of the graduates and their children were shown. Following a tour of the Central Building and the Cancer Research Institute, a tea was given by the Nursing Department. The reunion ended officially with a dinner at Longwood Towers. Later that evening many of the graduates who live close by entertained their classmates at home.

The following nurses attended the reunion:

Robina Anderson Graves, Pepperell; Muriel Appleby Parker, Glens Falls, N. Y.; Elizabeth Baker Horan, South Hanson; Dorothy V. Blanchard, Boston; Madeline Buckley Seale, Boston; Lennie Carlson Martin, Boston; Ethel Easter, Boston; Dagney Everson Hicks, Montgomery, Ala.; Margaret Felt Gutoske, Thomaston, Me.; Catherine Foster Sorenson, Greenwich, Conn.; Caroline Gray Ripley, Arlington; Marit Hefty Dimes, Hingham; Ruth Hulett, Salem; Mabel Jacomb Mercer, Groton; Gertrude Kendrew Trout, St. Johnsbury, Vt.; Marjory Killam Rund, Dorchester; Beatrice Lauder, Edgartown; Eva Leach Reinhard, Bridgeport, Conn.; Marjorie Leighton Cincotta, Watertown; Myrtle Leisk Brown, Waldoboro, Me.; Eva Leisk Goodwin, Melrose; Arline Main Long, Arlington; Alice Meader Moquin, Holyoke; Euphrasia Purrington, Turners Falls; Helen Soderholm Boyd, Middletown, N. Y.; Jean Watson Maden, Pittsfield, Me.; Henrietta Whitcher Heapley, Franklin; Gertrude Yhan Mattson, East Boston; Alice Leigh Soule, Rockland, Me.; Louise Reimer Christlieb, Bedford Center, N. H.; Marjorie Dana Woodbury, Topsfield; Gertrude Wilkinson Merrill, Coventry, R. I.; Beatrice Calkins Pfannenstiehl, Newton Center; Martha Pew Bowser, Concord; Christine Carter Parsons, Bangor, Me.; Marion Dunham Merry, Weston; Edna Sinnett Gray, West Roxbury; Muriel Snow Vickers, Georgetown.

TWENTIETH REUNION

The September division of the Class of 1934 held their reunion at the Deaconess last month. They dined in the hospital cafeteria and then toured the hospital, making a special tour of their "old haunts" in Harris Hall. The rest of the evening was devoted to a class "gab fest" during which they read letters and showed pictures sent by those who had been unable to attend.

The Social Service Department has made contact with more than 700 community social agencies during the year in helping 1,196 patients.

(Photo by J. Coyne)

TWENTY FIFTH REUNION OF THE SCHOOL OF NURSING

THIRTY YEAR GRADS HOLD GET-TOGETHER

Eight of the original thirteen members of the Class of 1924 met at the home of Mrs. Katherine Sincock Manter for a two day reunion, termed by Mr. Manter as a "champion marathon gab fest." Out of town arrivals were met at the stations with a blast of horns, bells, and noisemakers — "to let the world know that the class of '24 is still very much alive."

The festivities began with a surprise visit from Mr. Lowry who presented each one with a corsage. After a catered chinese dinner, the entire evening was devoted to a reliving of the three years spent at the Deaconess School of Nursing and the thirty years since graduation. They showed pictures of their children and grandchildren, their homes and their vacation trips. They reviewed their lives — the joys and success, the problems and worries.

The following day, the graduates made a complete tour of the hospital; they inspected everything — even the broom closets. Then they drove to Cohasset for a luncheon at the Lilac House.

Voted by the class as the most successful reunion ever held, — far better than hotel dinners and shows — they recommend this type of get-together to all classes. In fact, one member is already arranging to borrow beds from her neighbors to accommodate the group at her home next year.

Those who attended the reunion were Myrtle Adams McKay, Holden; Marguerite Libby Strumm, Newburgh, N. Y.; Beatrice Mitchell, Boston; Anna S. Newman, Needham; Nettie Shumway Graves, Haydenville; Katherine Sincock Manter, Needham; Frances Travena Crock, Reading; and Ruth Torrey, Allston.

NEW BOOKS

Current novels recently added to the library on Palmer 6 include:

Hospital of the Queen's Heart — Princess Ileana
This is India — Santha Rama Rau
Last Love of Camille (Franz Liszt) — F. Winwar
Mr. Hobb's Vacation — Streeter
Song of Ruth — F. G. Slaughter
Dawning of the Day — E. Ogilvie
Never Victorious, Never Defeated — Caldwell
The Dollmaker — H. Arnow

THE DEACONESS STORY

A limited number of copies of the Biennial Report for 1952-1953 will be available for distribution after July 15th. All employees who wish to have a copy may inquire at the Public Relations Office.

Vacation privilèges on books from the Patients' Library will be granted on request, with the exception of new Rental Books. You may take as many books as you wish, stating when you expect to return them. There will be no fines on "vacation loans."

CAPPING

Dr. Robert Oxnam, vice-president of Boston University, will speak at the Capping exercises for the 1957 Seniors. The traditional candlelight ceremony will take place in Joslin Auditorium on July 16th.

In 1953 the laundry repaired 16,100 pieces of linen, manufactured 26,440 pieces, and laundered 2,640,000 pieces of linen.

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The Glee Club, directed by Miss Sue Pennington, '55, sang "Holy Art Thou" and "I Believe." Following Dr. Gezork's address, Miss Mildred B. Newton, Director of the School of Nursing, spoke about the nursing profession and some of its problems.

The scholarship for postgraduate study in nursing, awarded annually by the Alumni Association to the student with the highest average in theory and practice of nursing and with qualities of leadership, was won by Miss Barbara Carlson. Honorable mention went to the Misses Alyce Baxter, Nancy Hero, Velta Mitrevics, Kathleen Stevens, Janice Swanson, Patricia Warren, and Beverly Wild.

Awards by the Faculty Council were made to Miss Nancy Matson, '55, and Miss Nancy Duffett, '56, for outstanding achievement as first and second year student nurses.

Mr. R. D. Lowry presented diplomas to the following girls: (Our very best wishes to each of the graduates.)

Alyce Ann Baxter	Lonsdale, R. I.
Nancy Jane Whittall Blanchard	Weymouth
Grace Belmiea Bliven	Ashaway, R. I.
Carolyn Virginia Borstel	Falmouth
Ruth Elizabeth Brown	Patten, Me.
Eleanor Lucille Call	Colrain
Barbara Jane Carlson	Cambridge
Nancy Luella Cate	Ward Hill
Barbara Ruth Colena	Marlborough
Nancy Ruth Crouch	Lawrence
Olive Brown Daily	Medford
Marilyn Hildreth Daley	Rehoboth
Mary-Elisabeth Davenport	Lexington
Margaret Emily Desjardins	Attleboro
Betty Grace Dunbar	Bucksport, Me.
Nancy Elizabeth Ellis	East Wareham
Edith Elizabeth Erickson	Lexington
Elizabeth Joan Gamble	Portland, Me.
Maryellen Gault	Plymouth
Phyllis Ann Genson	West Roxbury
Edith Marie Gudmand	Needham Heights
Nancy Jane Hero	Westboro
Barbara Jean Hincks	Portland, Me.
June Ellen Hixon	Segreganset
Gloria Ann Hodsdon	Portland, Me.
Doris Nicoll Hoyer	Ballardvale
Marilyn Ann Hultberg	Everett
Ann Drew Irwin	Whitman
Helen Elizabeth Kelly	Simsbury, Conn.
Anne Lee Kiddy	Westerly, R. I.
Anne Jeannette LaPointe	Westboro
Elinor Doris Larson	Lynn
Gloria May Lehtonen	Ludlow, Vt.
Ina Gundega Lejins	Brookline
Marion Elizabeth Lorraine	Herkimer, N. Y.
Priscilla MacDowell	Manchester, Conn.
Janice Marie Maloof	Dedham
Carol Rosina Maxham	South Pomfret, Vt.
Velta Mitrevics	Beverly
Marilyn Helen Moore	Lonsdale, R. I.
Dorothea Kohl Munro	New London, Conn.
Phyllis Barbara Nelson	Lynn
Elizabeth Johnston Penney	Waterville, Me.
Pauline Ella Pike	Manchester, N. H.
Ellen Elizabeth Richards	Concord, N. H.
Nancy Kathleen Ridlon	Yarmouth, Me.
Martha Florence Roberts	Ayer
Alice Marie Schaal	Los Angeles, Calif.
Estelle Virginia Siemens	Hyde Park
Kathleen Stevens	Attleboro
Evelyn Bernice Stratton	Springfield
Janice Evelyn Swanson	Granville
Janet Lucille Thompson	Belmont
Carol Stearns Thornburgh	Scituate
Barbara Elaine Tracy	Machias, Me.
Jean Alice Twiss	Hyde Park, Vermont
Patricia Harris Upson	Windsor, Vt.
Julia Ann Wadleigh	Tilton, N. H.
Patricia Ann Warren	Boothbay Harbor, Me.
Beverly Jane Wild	Fall River

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Miss Margaret E. Desjardins, '54, and Mr. Arthur L. Nelson who were married on June 12th.

Miss Martha Florence Roberts, '54, became the bride of Mr. Clark Weston Paige on June 26th at the Federated Church in Ayer, Mass.

Miss Patricia Elizabeth Harris, '54, was recently married to Dr. James Frederick Upson of Buffalo, New York.

Best wishes to Miss Barbara Elaine Tracy, '54, who recently became the bride of Mr. Robert J. Gault of Plymouth.

On June 2nd, Miss Helen Munroe Nease of the nursing staff was married to Mr. Robert Wesley Bradley at the Wollaston Church of the Nazarene.

Miss Virginia Mae Ferry of the nursing staff was married on June 5th to Mr. John Wilson Blake, a student at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

There were wedding bells recently for Miss Barbara Ellen Clarke, '51, and Mr. Arthur E. Chatfield. Mr. Chatfield is a graduate of Wayne University.

Miss Constance Hopkins Sargent, '53, recently became the bride of Mr. Gordon Scott Dockler. Mr. Dockler is a graduate of Norwich University.

ENGAGEMENTS

Best wishes to Miss Kathryn Nihart, secretary to the Comptroller, and Mr. Richard H. Goodwin who are planning a September wedding. Mr. Goodwin is an electrical engineer at Sylvania Electric Products, Inc.

A fall wedding is planned by Miss Barbara Jean Carlson, '54 and Mr. Ronald M. Heaton, a student at Tufts Dental School.

The engagement of Miss Klara M. Hankinson, Assistant Director of Nursing Service, to Mr. Edward Gove of North Wayne, Maine, was recently announced.

Miss Maryellen Gault, '54, will become the bride of Mr. Willard Wood Hunt this summer. Mr. Hunt, a navy veteran, is studying at Michigan State College.

Miss Carol J. Carr, '52, Nursing Arts Department, will wed Mr. Edward T. Dell, Jr., in August. Mr. Dell is a student at Episcopal Theological School.

A September wedding is planned by Miss Nancy C. Battles, '53, and Mr. Clarke Homan of Warwick, Rhode Island.

Miss Barbara Ann Clark, '55, is engaged to Mr. Norman Ernest Parsons of Easthampton.

Best wishes to Miss Francina Reyes, '57, and Mr. Maurice E. Gibbs who have recently announced their engagement.

Congratulations to Ed Cameron, the last bachelor in Maintenance, — he was married on June 27th.

(Photo by W. C. Fisher)

BOWLING LEAGUE AWARDS. Left to right are Louis Arth, Maintenance, winning team; Charles Schraub, Chief Pharmacist, high average; Hugh McFarland, Maintenance, winning team; Warren Smith, Maintenance, winning team; Donald L. Sabine, Superintendent of Maintenance and Engineering, captain, winning team; Henry Flynn, Engineering, winning team; and Robert D. Lowry, Executive Director, high single and high three-string total. Front row: Jean Gordon, secretary, public relations, high average, high single, and high three-string total.